



1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2024

Dear Friend,

With our ministry growing and more people being ministered to it is essential for our partner base to be increasing. This last quarter we have had other churches reach out to support and be a part of the amazing work that God is doing. Living Word Fellowship in Boring, OR did a coat drive on our behalf. Their generous donation was able to meet the needs of many.

Corbett Community Church in Corbett has added Freedom to their missions giving budget. When other congregations recognize the Urban Missions work we do and they choose to partner with us, it means the world to us.



Pastor Adrian is the pastor at Eagle Creek Foursquare Church. He led his congregation in receiving a missions offering on our behalf. In this photo he and I met for lunch and he handed over the gift.

In addition, East Hill Church Family in Gresham also took a special collection that they call, "The Gift of Hope". Freedom was one of the recipients of funds they received. This gift meant so much to me. East Hill is where Kelly and I began our ministry in 1987 serving as the youth pastors there for 13 years. This photo was taken at our Thursday Outreach when the financial gift was delivered.



That gift made it possible for us to make several upgrades to our equipment that has helped us with our efforts. Commercial appliances, a commercial sink and shelving was just some of what we were able to do with those funds.



Interestingly enough, we did not set out to have the type of ministry we currently have. But when we opened our doors and saw the needs of those standing there it became obvious what we must do. We now feed close to 1,000 mouths each month. We serve a hot breakfast early each Sunday to 100 + of our neighbors and share the Good News of God's love. Each Thursday we serve a hot lunch and provide a hot shower and laundry truck through our partnership with [Cultivate Initiatives](#). Our food pantry provides emergency food boxes each Sunday afternoon. Our emergency clothing program is providing coats, hats, gloves, scarves, pants, etc. to those in need. We are grateful for all of those (like you) that have seen what we do and have rallied with prayers, donations and financial partnership. Your partnership with us is making an eternal difference in people's lives!



In this letter I want to recognize and give thanks for the Rockwood Community Development Corporation. For the last two years we have received funds from them that have helped us pay for many of our feeding programs. The Rockwood CDC had received a grant that enabled them to invest in feeding initiatives in the Rockwood area. Those funds went a long way in helping us fund many of our programs. We appreciate their donations that have come each month. Brad and Lynn Ketch and the whole Rockwood CDC team have been wonderful partners and Godsend to us.



Those funds are set to expire this month so needless say we are looking to you and others to help us to close the financial gap as we continue to do work that God has called us to do.

The ministries we are providing are essential and have eternal consequence. The work we do is possible in part through the generous donations of partners like you. Thank you for your faithful and generous commitment to pray and give towards the great work. God Bless you!

In Him,

Pastor David

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